

- ◆ **Services for Abused Persons:** Abused persons, both children and adults, need aid, shelter, and long-term counseling.

The council felt that senior citizens and children were the two population groups who needed expanded services in Unicoi County.

D. Vital Statistics/Health Status Data

This secondary data (information already collected from other sources for other purposes) provides the council with information about the health status of their community. It was assembled by the State Office of Assessment & Planning and compiled by the Community Development Program, Northeast Region, for the council's analysis.

Vital statistics cover pregnancy & birth, mortality, and morbidity information for the county, region, and state; each set of information is separated into the categories of *All Races*, *Non-white* and *White*. These statistics are made available in three-year moving averages, which smooth trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations ('spikes' and 'valleys') in year-to-year rates that distort true trends. Ten (10) three-year averages are made available for each health indicator, occurrence, or event for use in examining significant trends in those health indicators. Where applicable, vital statistics comparing the county, region, and state were also compared by the council with the nation's "Healthy People 2000" objectives.

Due to the low minority population in Unicoi County, the information was not broken down by race for the purposes of the analysis. Data were compared to the corresponding data for the Northeast Tennessee Region, as well as for the State of Tennessee.

The Vital Statistics Subcommittee received information for the following population and health status indicators:

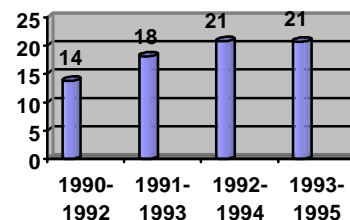
- POPULATION TRENDS 1990 TO 1995

- AVERAGE # FETAL DEATHS PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS AGES 10-44 (1994-1996)
- AVERAGE # OF LOW-WEIGHT BIRTHS WITH % OF TOTAL BIRTHS (1994-1996)
- AVERAGE ANNUAL # OF BIRTHS TO ADOLESCENT (10-17) MOMS WITH % OF TOTAL BIRTHS (1994-1996)
- BIRTHS TO UNWED MOTHERS (1990-1995)
- ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY RATE (1990-1995)
- DEATH RATE PER 100,000 PERSONS (1991-1996)
- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INCIDENCE RATE PER 100,000 TEENS AGE 15-17 (1992-1996)
- LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 1995

After the council's analysis of the information listed above, the following areas of particular notice or concern were identified by the council:

- Increased Pregnancy Rate in Females 10 -17 Years of Age, 1990 to 1995:

Ch. 3: Teen Pregnancy Rate Per 1,000 Females 10-17



- Sexually Transmitted Disease Rate per 100,000 Teens 15-17, 1992-1996
(1992 Rate: 84; 1996 Rate: 1082)

- Increase in Age-Adjusted Deaths from Pneumonia & Influenza 1990-1995

Ch. 4: Pneumonia & Influenza Age-Adjusted Death Rates per 100,000

